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LINCOLN SITREP, 15-21 February 1954

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For your information the following is a paraphrased LINCOLN SITREP (Situation Report) to Headquarters for the week 15-21 February 1954.

1. Enemy: The enemy is expanding pre-OAS propaganda via a mass media, hinting at further internal repression, also showing signs of division.
 - a) The enemy charges at PRPRIME grew more bitter and direct during the period, especially with memoir services for SANDINO. Third National Peasant Congress and local mass meetings denouncing intervention. Hemisphere and foreign Communist public support, notably French, continued to pour in.
 - b) AREVALO departed for Chile after reported strong disagreement with ARBENZ which Communists denied.
 - c) POT re-affirmed that it is not identical with the ARBENZ regime but is supporting it.
 - d) PRO submitted questionnaire to free press asking editors' opinions on the White Paper charges and asking if the free press was aware of its privilege of "liberty;" this construed as a warning to the free press to fall into line.
 - e) CGTO sent petition to the Council of Defense requesting obligatory military training for defense against intervention.
 - f) Major Alfonso MARTINEZ is visiting Holland, Switzerland and Czechoslovakia. Purpose of his trip still not clarified but possibly being the purchase of planes and arms.

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g) Behind-scenes squabbles over the next presidential candidate and internal struggles in the government parties is evident. Government forces are showing considerable sensitivity to all criticism, suggesting insecurity.

2. Friendly: The Interim Report for Stage Two which was submitted to Headquarters revealed a 30-40 day administrative delay and recommended a 30-day extension. Operations have been partially and provisionally impeded by restriction of CALLIGERIS to Honduras and various Nicaraguan developments.

a) PIVALL's return to [] has been temporarily delayed due to cancellation of tourist card regulations.

b) CALLIGERIS has been restricted to [] because of the fears of a certain [] leader.

c) Compromise of project cryptonyms and data to [] through SECKFORD's documents, which were left unattended, has surely raised doubts re GROUP's professionalism in STORAX' mind. [] appears to be taking security precautions in [] into his own hands with resultant immediate delay to SARANAC and SCRANTON but probable over-all benefit to the project.

d) An alleged high PGT member approached a CALLIGERIS source, offering to sell detailed information concerning the Communist Party in Guatemala.

e) SECANT is still in Guatemala; reportedly he received the "water" treatment.

f) CALLIGERIS' press statements and project themes received play during the period.

3. Significant Operational Developments: The information concerning specific tasks is primarily for Headquarters information. The Field stations are reminded to keep LINCOLN fully informed on all developments of specific tasks. The cryptonym and data compromise in [] is presently under study. The unaccompanied pouch is still not available. KUGOWN program now has Headquarters approval.

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